



The SAFD Citizen's Fire Academy (CFA) is right for you if you have you ever wondered:

- How emergency calls are dispatched?
- Why fire trucks show up when someone calls 911 for an ambulance?
- Why multiple fire trucks are sent to car accidents or fires?
- How you can make your family, home or business safer?

What is the SAFD CFA?

- A community outreach program that provides an overview of the divisions and functions within the San Antonio Fire Department.
- A tool to help emphasize the important role San Antonio citizens can play in fire/accident prevention.
- An opportunity for you to interact face-to-face with your very own San Antonio Firefighters.

Who can attend?

- Anyone 19 years old or older that lives in or works for the City of San Antonio.

Where/when are CFA classes held?

- Classes are held at least once a year at the San Antonio Fire Department Fire Training Academy.
- Classes occur once per week for 11 weeks. All classes will mostly occur on one weekday evening per week. One week will be held on a Saturday.

Why should you attend?

- To learn more about what the SAFD does and how it operates.
- To help your family, home, workplace, and community be safer.
- CFA is fun!

You will have an opportunity to experience and witness exciting things such as:

- Extinguishing a fire with a fire extinguisher.
- Riding out to emergency calls on a fire truck.
- Spraying water from a fire hose.
- Wearing fire gear and going into a smoky building.
- Demonstrations by EMS, Fire, Technical Rescue, Hazmat and more!

How do you apply?

- Fill out the application form and submit to:

Email: SAFDCFA@sanantonio.gov

Mail: San Antonio Fire Department Training Academy
300 S. Callaghan Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78228-6605

Fax: (210) 207-5949

- If you need more information or assistance you may contact FF Bennie Marberry at bennie.marberryjr@sanantonio.gov or by phone at 210-207-5970.
- If you do not make it into the upcoming CFA class your name will be placed on a waiting list for the next CFA class offering.

Week 1

- Welcome! Introductions and paperwork as well as go over the schedule and rules.
- You will get an opportunity to meet the Chief of the entire Department and the Chief in charge of the Emergency Services Division.
- Learn about the history of the Fire Service and the San Antonio Fire Department

Week 2

- Smile! Class picture will be taken.
- What does it take to become a firefighter in this department? Speak with a representative from the Applicant Processing Division.
- Try on personal protective equipment just like the firefighters wear.
- Tour the San Antonio Fire Department Training Academy.

Week 3

- Learn about firefighting operations from one of the Fire Shift Commanders.
- Firefighters will demonstrate how we respond to and extinguish structural fires.

Week 4

- Learn what the fire cadets go through on their journey to become a firefighter as well as the continued training firefighters receive in the field.
- Learn how EMS works and get to see inside of an ambulance.

Week 5

- See for yourself up close the different apparatus/equipment firefighters use to do their jobs.
- Start signing up to go to a fire station and ride-along with a fire crew on their apparatus to see some of the things we do on duty

Week 6

- Personal Protective Equipment – experience wearing and moving in the gear firefighters wear to fight fires
- Connect, advance, and spray water from a hose line like we use

Week 7

- Meet the Accelerant Detection K-9 Kai and see her in action.
- Learn how arson investigators find out what really caused a fire.

Week 8

- Learn how the 9-1-1 system works from one of our Dispatch Officers.
- Find out how San Antonio responds to a large emergency or disaster from a member of the Emergency Operations Center.

Week 9 - (Saturday)

- Learn CPR and how to use an AED – you will be certified in Basic First Aid.
- The Technical Rescue Team will demonstrate vehicle extrication as well as talk to you about the job they do and give participants the opportunity to operate the extrication tools.

Week 10

- Learn how to and get a chance to use a fire extinguisher.
- Wear firefighting gear and get a chance to feel your way around a room by touch alone.

Week 11

- Graduation nite! Certificates presented by Fire Chief Charles Hood. Reception to follow in dining/kitchen area. Your families are welcome to attend.

**Schedule is subject to change based on availability of speakers, apparatus, etc. We will let you know if something does change.